

The difficulties and distresses of the times though unquestionably great are limited in their extent, and cannot be regarded as affecting the permanent prosperity of the nation. Arising in a great degree from the transactions of foreign and domestic commerce it is upon them that they have chiefly fallen. The great agricultural interests has in many parts of the country, suffered comparatively little and as if Providence intended to display the munificence of its goodness at the moment of our greatest need and in direct contrast to the evils occasioned by the waywardness of man, we have been blessed throughout our extended territory with a season of general health and of uncommon fruitfulness. The proceeds of our great staples will soon furnish the means of liquidating debts at home and abroad and contribute equally to the revival of commercial activity, and the restoration of commercial credit. The banks established avowedly for its support deriving their profits from it and resting under obligations to it which cannot be overlooked will feel at once the necessity and justice of uniting their energies with those of the mercantile interest. The suspension of specie payments at such a time and under such circumstances have rarely witnessed could not be other than a temporary measure, and we can scarcely err in believing that the period must soon arrive when all that are solvent will redeem their issues in gold and silver. Dealings abroad naturally depend on resources and prosperity at home. If the debt of our merchants is accumulated or their credit impaired these are fluctuations always incident to extensive or extravagant mercantile transaction. But the ultimate security of such obligation does not admit of questions. They are guaranteed by the resources of a country, the fruits of whose industry afford abundant means of ample liquidation and by the evident interest of every merchant to sustain a credit hitherto high by promptly applying these means for its preservation.

I deeply regret that events have occurred which require me to ask your consideration of such serious topics. I could have wished that in making my first communication to the assembled representatives of my country I had nothing to dwell upon but the history of her unalloyed prosperity. Since it is otherwise we can only feel more deeply the responsibility of the respective trusts that have been confided to us and under the pressure of difficulties unite in invoking the guidance and aid of the Supreme Ruler of nations and in laboring with zealous resolution to overcome the difficulties by which we are environed.

It is under such circumstances, a high gratification to know by long experience, that we act for a people to whom the truth however unpromising can always be spoken with safety; for the trial of whose patriotism no emergency is too severe, and who are sure never to desert a public functionary honestly laboring for the public good. It seems just that they should receive without delay any aid in their embarrassments which your deliberations can afford. Coming directly from the midst of them, and knowing the course of events in every section of our country, from you may best be learned as well the extent and nature of these embarrassments as the most desirable measures of relief.

I am aware however that it is not proper to detain at present longer than may be demanded by the special ob-

jects for which you are convened. To them therefore I have confined my communication; and believing it will not be your own wish to extend your deliberations beyond them I reserve till the usual period of your annual meeting that general information on the state of the Union which the Constitution requires me to give.

M. VAN BUREN.

WASHINGTON 14th September, 1837.



RIPLEY.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5, 1837.

We are authorized to announce S. S. PRENTISS, Esq., as a candidate for Congress, at the election in November next.

We are authorized to announce JOSHUA SIDDALL, as a candidate for Coroner, for the county of Tippah, at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce THOMAS C. NANCE, as a candidate for Police Magistrate, for the fourth District, at the November election.

Doct. S. Todd has declined running as a candidate for Senator of this District.

MR. PRENTISS.—At the last election, this gentleman was run for Congress, and received 7143 votes. The people of the Chickasaw counties, had no opportunity of judging of his politics or his abilities, only through his political opponents. This gentleman visited this place on the 25th ult., and made a speech of about an hour and half; in this speech Mr. Prentiss did not attempt to hide any of his political views or principles. He entertains no personal rivalry for his opponents. His merits have only to be known to be appreciated, and we speak knowingly when we say that many who at the last election were bitter enemies, are now among his warmest friends. He is a man of superior abilities—he has not been nursed in the lap of luxury, and of course has none of those aristocratic principles so consequent on wealth; he is emphatically the man for the people. His speech here won him golden opinions from the people, and the effort was worthy of his powerful mind; and our only regret is, that it was not heard by the whole county, as he was among a people, if they could not, or would not be swayed by his superior eloquence, would at least have honestly awarded him that justice he was entitled to. His views on the currency and National Bank; met with the general feelings of the people on that subject. We say to the people, if you are not satisfied, don't vote for him; if you are pleased with him, go to the polls in November next, and let us send men to Congress who will represent the interests of the people—don't send men to act merely with a party, who assume to dictate to you;—send such men as Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee, who will speak with a voice of thunder to our rulers, and let them know that the people are the only legitimate source of power.

Mr. Prentiss has been sadly misrepresented by his enemies in the new counties; they said he had opposed the members of the those counties, from taking their seat in the legislature; that he had used procacious language towards the new counties; that he wished to carry on the legislation for the benefit of the lower part of the state, without giving the northern counties a voice in their passage. Mr. Prentiss voted against the northern delegation taking their seat on constitutional grounds; and until they could have a full Representation from those counties; he wished also to adjourn the legislature until such time as the census could be taken, so as to allow them a full representation. As an honest man, what more could he do! He also pledged himself to the northern members to aid all in his power to pass all the local laws they wanted and then adjourn until their representation could be full—as to Mr. Prentiss making use of procacious language towards the new counties, carries on its face its own refutation; it would if true, be rather a doubtful compliment to those high minded and honorable gentlemen, who composed that delegation. The course this gentleman pursued while in the legislature, (and we appeal for the truth of the statement to those who composed that honorable body) will convince every unprejudiced mind, that instead of his being an enemy to the new counties, was one of their most efficient and talented friends. His enemies kept out of view this gentleman's efforts in behalf of the new counties. The cry was raised, he voted a-

gainst your delegation, he is your enemy as a matter of course; this kind of logic would prove a man born in a stable, to be a horse. Let South Mississippi do her duty, and at the November election the north will show them that the "money tinkers" are not the wiser here also.

CHIPPewa TREATY.—We cut the following from the St. Louis Republican of August 10.

By the arrival of the steam boat Adventure from Prairie Du Chien, we learn that Governor Dodge has concluded a treaty with the Chippewa Indians for a tract embracing all the lands of the Chippewas lying east of the Mississippi between the Chippewa and St. Croix rivers including the Indian Trader's claim and supposed to contain nearly one million of acres. By the treaty so far as we have been enabled to learn the particulars, the government is to pay the Indians eighty thousand dollars and also certain Half-breed donations are to be given. Gen Dodge was on his return from Fort Snelling and was hourly expected at the Prairie when the adventure left. No difficulty or disturbance occurred during the time of holding the treaty and the Indians generally expressed themselves well satisfied with the result.

Five citizens of Raymond as appears from a communication in the Times published in that place offer to bet \$200 that "gross double dealing and misrepresentation on the Bank Question can be proved on Mr. C., just before the late special election," and this by at least five witnesses, men of the best character and citizens of Hinds county. Another of \$100 is offered that "it can be proved on said Claiborne that he said he approved not only the "tone" put the argument and conclusions of Gen Hamilton's late letter to Mr Biddle; nay more that he offered to meet whigs on middle ground and to support Gen Hamilton for the Presidency."—Let these charges be proved as if true they certainly ought to be and we shall see what will become of his overwhelming majority in November.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.—The Louisville Journal says—

We learn by a letter from Philadelphia, that Mr. Biddle is purchasing Mr. Woodbury's Treasury drafts for the payment of the first instalment of the debt due from the U. S. Bank to the General Government. Is it not a monstrous outrage that old Nick should think of paying off the Government with its own shin-plasters? Why roar not the thunders of the Tory press?

The Grand River Journal gives the following musical anecdote that occurred at the attempt to launch the steamboat Milwaukee which failed in consequence of not being able to get her to move after knocking away the blocks.—*Nat. Int.*

"While efforts to launch the Milwaukee were making but without success the band on board the boat Daniel Webster struck up the air 'Oh, dear what can the matter be.' which was promptly replied to by the band on board the Milwaukee with Settin on a rail.

News of the Week.

A young lady passed down Washington street last week whose beauty was so attractive as to draw the nails out of a board fence near which she passed and the boards come lumbering about her heels.

An oyster opened at Point Comfort lately which was so large that it took three men to swallow it whole.

An Arabian courser, lately imported from Barbary was put to his speed yesterday and ran so swift as to overtake the horizon before it could get out of his way.

A foot race took place yesterday between a high-footed gentleman and a running account which he had for some time had at the grocer's store. He beat the account all hollow and came out so far ahead as to be wholly out of sight. It is thought he is still running.

A gentleman being on a visit to his dulcinea in the evening having occasion to go home laid himself down in his mistress' room and started his hat off.

A gentleman called Col Inches lately measured himself in a duel with one Vaughn in the state of Missouri.

List of Letters

REMAINING in the Post at Ripley Miss., if not taken out before the first day of January next, will be sent to the General Post Office as Dead Letters.

Adams Hardin S.	31 M'Kee Archibald
Bogard A. E.	Neighbors E. Miss
Brown John	Neoland Thomas
Baker Stephen P.	2 Owens Daniel or C.
Brooks Reuben T.	Foster
Balenger John	Owens Daniel
Bruce Joel	Portice James P.
Byrnes Joseph or Samuel	Park James
Brown George	Park James
Burns John F.	2 Page Benj. or William
Bowers George	Read Mitchell
Bailey Thomas	Rogers George
Chiodress Jane J.	Roden Levi
Campbell John	Reese Farm
Coakson James	Rutledge James W. or
Curtis John	Wm. Moody
Duncan W. D. Col.	Read John
Dean Robt. P.	Rutledge James W.
Elliott Will W. B.	Steward Luke
Goodwin J. K.	Stark Louisa C. Miss
Goodwin Catherine Mrs.	Southern Asa
Gossett William	Stewart William
Green William	Stone John
Gibson William	2 Tarney John
Gray H. W.	Trigg Hardin
Gatlin Stephen	Thompson John
Glaze John H. Col.	Ticer James
Henderson William	Tinke John
Hutson R. D.	Wilson W. H
Kelly John R.	Wright Augustus
Kenedy William	Wilson Samuel
Lyons Pilate	Warren H.
Langly Joel or Voah	Williams R. S.
Mitchell M. H.	Warren B. W. M. M.
Monroe Malcome	Williams John
Mullin Thomas	Whitton Nicholas C.
Martindale Thos & Mary	William Thomas
M'Donald John	Williams Isaac
May William	Williams C. W.
M'Cathern James	Williams Alexander
May David	Wore John A.
M'Alister John	Walker Harriette
Meeks Nathaniel	Williams Richmond

SAMUEL M'NEAL, P. M.
Ripley Oct. 3, 1837. 9-3w

Jefferson J. Meek
Robert P. Harris, Vs.
John T. Smith

Attachment for \$382 374 returned levied on a Negro Boy Bob
NOTICE is hereby given that an attachment hath been issued at the suit of Jefferson J. Meek and Robert P. Harris, against the estate of John T. Smith, for the sum of Three hundred and Eighty two dollars and thirty seven and a half cents, returnable to the next Circuit Court of Tippah County, in the 9th Judicial District for the State of Mississippi, to be holden on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in October next; which has been returned by the sheriff of said county into the Clerks office as levied on a negro Boy Bob, and if the said John T. Smith do not appear, and plead within the time limited by law, for his appearance, judgment will be entered and the estate attached by virtue of said attachment will be sold.

H. W. STRICKLIN, Clerk.
Sept. 29, 1837. 9-4t [prsee \$5 00.]

Land for Sale.

THE south west quarter of Section 30, Township Four Range Four; the above mentioned tract, or quarter section of land will be sold low if immediate application be made to the undersigned application be made to the undersigned living on the premises—the above quarter section is tolerable well improved, two good springs of excellent water, dwelling house &c any person wishing to purchase would do well to visit the premises.

MILUS W. MOODY.

Ripley, Sept. 7, 1837. 5-4f

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